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1. I informed Mr. McCaffree of the Republican National Committee that the Library of Congress was still maintaining the OSS Foreign Nationality Handbook on a classified basis and that therefore we would be unable to release a copy to the National Committee. I reiterated my previous comment to the effect that the problem was primarily a legal one involving the law of defamation and no further action would be taken on this request.

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2. I talked with Mr. Dawson of the office of Senator Capehart regarding his request for information as to the status of the case of [REDACTED]. Our Personnel Director, Mr. Meloon, informs me that he has talked with [REDACTED] and that the latter wishes to fight his termination for inefficiency unless CIA restores him to the rolls and then allows him to resign with a clean slate. I informed Mr. Dawson that [REDACTED] had had to my knowledge eight opportunities to resign during the past year including a final opportunity prior to the decision of the Board which heard his case. In each instance [REDACTED] indicated a refusal to resign and informed the Board that he was going to fight the case to the end. As a result, his case is now before the Civil Service Commission under the Veterans Preference Act and we could not with integrity take him back on the rolls, inform the Commission that there was nothing to the charges, and then allow him to resign. Mr. Dawson agreed with our point of view and stated that they had called only as a point of information for a constituent whom they do not know and did not want to influence our thinking on the matter in any way. He stated that they were perfectly satisfied with our position.

3. I talked with Mr. John Adams, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Defense, regarding a newspaper report that the Department was considering legislation which would authorize the removal of suspected subversive or potential saboteurs from Defense facilities. He stated that CIA might have an interest in such legislation. He said that it was still being debated within the Department and had not reached any conclusive status but that he would make a note of the CIA's interest if the proposal reached an advanced stage.

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4. I talked with General Smith regarding the possible acquisition by the Yale Library of the manuscript of his "My Three Years in Moscow." General Smith said that he would be delighted to present it if it were available. He also authorized me to go through his [REDACTED] files to see if there were any other historical material which might ultimately be transferred to the Library of War Collections.